

REMARKS:

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action mailed May 2, 2005. Reconsideration of the application in view of this amendment in response thereto is respectfully requested.

The application is restricted to one of the following Groups:

Group I: claims 1, 2 and 4 - 9 (a fishing rod); or

Group II: claims 3 and 10 - 14 (a kit for a fishing rod).

Applicants elect to proceed with claims 1, 2 and 4 - 9 (Group I). Claims 3 and 10 - 14 (Group II) are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application based on the subject matter of claims 3 and 10 - 14.

Applicants hereby assert that each of the inventors originally named herein is an inventor of at least one of the claims remaining in contention.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if it is felt that the prosecution of this application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,
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